

Our Mission

Build a vibrant and secure Jewish community in Columbus, Israel and around the world.

Pillars



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Guiding Principles

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History of Israel and the Rise of
Antisemitism

Agenda

- **Israel**
- **Rising Antisemitism**
- **What can you do?**

Israel: History and Post Oct 7



Israel

- Roughly the size of New Jersey
- 9.4 Million (21% Arab)
- Jews have lived in the land of Israel **CONTINUOUSLY** for 4,000 years

Founding of Israel

- **Theodor Herzl**
- **Leading to statehood**
 - **1917 Balfour Declaration**
 - **League of Nations, British Mandate for Palestine, 1922**
 - **UN Partition Plan, 1947**
- **Democratic Jewish State - 1948**

Democracy

- **Considered only functional democracy in the Middle East**
- **All citizens allowed to vote (21% not Jewish)**
- **23 Islamic Countries, 1 Jewish Country**

Key Players

- **Iran and Axis of Resistance**
 - **Hezbollah**
 - **Hamas**
 - **Houthis**
- **Palestine Liberation Organization**

Terrorism and Wars against Israel

- War of Independence, 1948
- Six Day War, 1967
- El Al hijacking, 1968
- Yom Kippur War, 1973
- First Intifada, 1987-1990
- Second Intifada, 2000
- Gaza Operations, 2008-2009; 2012; 2014;
- Oct 7-present

**non-inclusive list*

Peace Efforts*

- UN Resolutions following Six Day War and Yom Kippur War
- Camp David Accords, 1978
- Oslo Accords
- Camp David Summit, 2000
- Disengagement from Gaza, 2005
- Trump Peace Plan, 2020

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Peace Efforts

In every instance, Israel accepted the proposal, while the Palestinian Authority rejected it.

October 7, 2023

- **Over 1,200 men, women and children slaughtered by Hamas**
- **Largest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust**
- **Victims include 46 Americans and citizens of more than 30 countries**

Since October 7

- **Over 40,000 rocket attacks - Gaza, Lebanon, Iran**
- **Ground offensive in Gaza to destroy Hamas**
- **Ground offensive in Lebanon to destroy Hezbollah**
- **Israel-Hezbollah Ceasefire adopted Nov 27, 2024**
- **Civilian-to-Military deaths ratio among the lowest in wartime approaching 1:1**

251 Hostages

- **63 - Still held captive**
- **117 - Returned alive**
 - **105 through the Nov 2023 ceasefire**
 - **8 rescued in summer 2024**
 - **4 released by Hamas**
- **71 - Killed**
 - **34 bodies remain in Gaza**

Rise of Jew Hatred



Rising Jew Hatred

- **300% increase in Antisemitic incidents since Oct 7th**
- **More antisemitic incidents 10/7/23 - 1/7/24 than all of 2022.**
- **70% of Jewish students report facing at least one form of antisemitism**

The Impact

- **Discrimination and intimidation at K-12 and on college campuses**
- **Physical attacks**
- **Professional discrimination**

What can you do?



What can you do?

1. **Speak up, say something**
1. **Educate yourself (today!)**
1. **Celebrate Jewish culture with your neighbors/friends**
1. **Advocate against antisemitism and anti-Zionism**
1. **Advocate to protect the security of Jewish agencies**

IHRA definition

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Resources

- Antisemitism Toolkit
- Resources to help with the following:
 - Define antisemitism- using the IHRA definition
 - Provide examples of antisemitism
 - Explain why these examples are considered antisemitic
 - Provide resources on how to approach antisemitism with students.
 - Continue funding for continuing education for educators.
- Train community members on becoming vocal supporters, leading experts

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